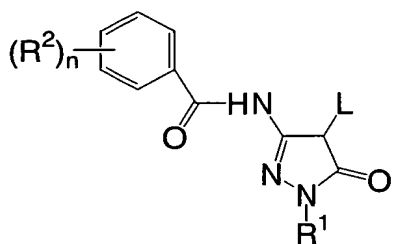


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides a method for producing a compound represented by the following formula (II), comprising executing alkali hydrolysis of a compound represented by the following formula (I) with an alkali metal hydroxide in the presence of a barium compound to form the compound represented by formula (II), precipitating the barium compound in the form of a barium halide, and eliminating the barium halide:

Formula (I)



Formula (II)



wherein L represents a thiocyno group, an aryloxy group, an alkoxy group, an alkylthio group, an arylthio group, a heterocyclic thio group, an imide group, an imidazolyl group, a pyrazolyl group or a triazolyl group; R^1 represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, or an unsubstituted or substituted aryl group; R^2 represents a substituent; and n represents an integer of 0 to 5; in a case where n is 2 or larger, R^2 may be the same or different.